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SUBJECT: GVN MILITARY REDEPLOYMENTS, REGION 2

THE CONSULATE GENERAL HAS LEARNED OF THE FOLLOWING MILITARY
REDEPLOYMENTS IN REGION 2:

(1) AFTER A BRIEF STOP IN NHA TRANG, THE 2ND AIR DIVISION
FROM PLEIKU HAS RELOCATED AT PHAN RANG AIRBASE.

(2) THE 231ST AND 250TH RF BNS HAVE RETURNED TO NINH THAN
FROM KHANH HOA TO GUARD THE PHAN RANG AIRBASE.

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(3) THE 272ND RF BN HAS MOVED FROM KHANH DUONG TO NHA TRANG,

WHILE THE 227TH RF BN HAS MOVED FROM NHA TRANG TO KHANH DUONG WHERE IT WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE 3RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE.

(4) THE 2ND AND 3RD BNS OF THE 40TH REGT HAVE MOVED FROM KHANH DUONG TO DIEN KHANH TO PROTECT THE WESTERN APPROACHES TO NHA TRANG. ACCORDING TO BG NIEM, COMMANDER OF THE 22ND DIV, THE ONE REMAINING BN OF THE 40TH (THE 1ST BN) IN BINH DINH WILL MOVE DOWN TO KHANH HOA ON MARCH 27.

(5) TERRITORIAL FORCES FROM DARLAC WILL, IF THEY VOLUNTEER TO DO SO, BE INTEGRATED INTO THE 23RD DIV. THEY WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO VOLUNTEER. IF THEY REFUSE, HOWEVER, THEY WILL BE INTEGRATED INTO THE KHANH HOA TERRITORIALS. THE 23RD DIV IS SLATED FOR A COMPLETE REFITTING AND REMANNING, REPORTEDLY AT A BASE IN CAM RANH. PF FROM DARLAC MAY BE UPGRADED TO RF FOR KHANH HOA PROVINCE.

(6) THE 2ND BN OF THE 47TH REGT HAS MOVED FROM AN SON TO THE PHU CU PASS IN NORTHERN BINH DINH TO REJOIN THE REST OF THE 47TH. POSSIBLY THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO INFORMATION THAT THE NVA 12TH RERQ HAS BEEN ORDERED BACK TO THE BONG SON AREA FROM HIGHWAY 19.

(7) THE 2ND ALC WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM QUI NHON TO CAM RANH.

(8) ONCE THE RANGERS REACH TUY HOA FROM THE HIGHLANDS, THEY WILL BE RESTED AND REFITTED IN KHANH HOA (DUC MY), ALTHOUGH AT LEAST ONE GROUP MAY BE RETAINED IN PHU YEN. HOWEVER, THE PRIORITY AT PRESENT IS SIMPLY TO GET THE RANGERS TO TUY HOA, AND PLANS FOR THEIR FUTURE DEPLOYMENT ARE VERY TENTATIVE.
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